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SUBJECT: CALL BY CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR ON ACTING
SECRETARY

1. DURING SEPTEMBER 6 COURTESY CALL ON ACTING SECRETARY,
CZECHOSLOVAK AMBASSADOR SPACIL RAISED STATE OF BILATERAL
RELATIONS, POSSIBLE MEETING BETWEEN FONMIN CHNOUPEK AND
SECRETARY-DESIGNATE KISSINGER, EUROPEAN SECURITY MATTERS,
AND CZECH-FRG RELATIONS.

2. THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED APPRECIATION ON BEHALF OF
CZECHOSLOVAK LEADERSHIP FOR VISIT OF SECRETARY ROGERS,
WHICH GOC SIDE FELT WAS SUCCESSFUL. CZECHOSLOVAKS WERE
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NOW LOOKING FORWARD TO CLAIMS AND FINANCIAL NEGOTIATIONS

SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON SEPTEMBER 10 AND TO CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC EXCHANGES TALKS PLANNED FOR OCTOBER. THE FIRST ISSUE WAS COMPLICATED BUT CZECHOSLOVAKS WERE HOPEFUL, GIVEN DESIRE OF BOTH SIDES FOR PROGRESS. ACTING SECRETARY RUSH NOTED THAT SECRETARY ROGERS HAD BEEN VERY SATISFIED WITH HIS VISIT TO PRAGUE. WE WERE PLEASED WITH IMPROVEMENT IN BILATERAL RELATIONS ATTAINED THUS FAR AND WERE APPROACHING CLAIMS NEGOTIATIONS WITH DESIRE TO ACHIEVE A FAIR SETTLEMENT.

3. SAYING THAT FONMIN CHNOUPEK AND SECRETARY ROGERS HAD AGREED TO MEET IN NEW YORK DURING UNGA SESSION, AMBASSADOR SPACIL WISHED NOW TO EXPRESS FONMIN'S DESIRE TO MEET WITH THE NEW SECRETARY. THE ACTING SECRETARY REPLIED THAT DR. KISSINGER WOULD BE ASSUMING OFFICE WHILE FACED WITH A NUMBER OF PRIOR COMMITMENTS, INCLUDING A TRIP TO CHINA. FURTHERMORE, BECAUSE HE HAD NOT YET BEEN CONFIRMED, HIS SCHEDULE WAS INDEFINITE. THEREFORE, ALTHOUGH HE WILL SPEND A FEW DAYS IN NEW YORK FOR THE UNGA, THE POSSIBILITY OF HIS MEETING WITH MANY FOREIGN MINISTERS WAS PROBLEMATIC. HE WOULD PROBABLY MEET WITH A FEW, INCLUDING SOME NATO FOREIGN MINISTERS, BUT WOULD HOPE TO MEET WITH OTHERS AT SOME LATER OCCASION. AMBASSADOR SPACIL ASKED WHETHER ACTING SECRETARY RUSH WOULD BE ABLE TO SEE THE FONMIN ON BEHALF OF DR. KISSINGER. THE ACTING SECRETARY SAID HE DOUBTED HIS SCHEDULE WOULD PERMIT THIS.

4. AMBASSADOR SPACIL INQUIRED ABOUT US VIEWS OF CSCE. ACTING SECRETARY SAID THAT WITH GOOD FAITH AND FLEXIBILITY CONFERENCE WOULD BE A SUCCESS. WE REGARDED CONFIDENCE-BUILDING MEASURES AND HUMAN CONTACTS AS THE KEY ISSUES, ALTHOUGH OTHER IMPORTANT PROBLEMS WERE OF COURSE INVOLVED. RESPONDING TO A QUESTION AS TO WHETHER WE FORESAW FINAL CSCE MEETING AT THE END OF THIS YEAR, ACTING SECRETARY SAID THIS WOULD DEPEND ON RESULTS AT GENEVA. AMBASSADOR SPACIL ASKED IF US LINKED CSCE WITH MBFR. ACTING SECRETARY SAID WE RECOGNIZED PARALLELS BETWEEN THE TWO SINCE BOTH RELATED TO IMPROVING THE CLIMATE OF RELATIONS IN EUROPE. WE DID NOT STIPULATE, HOWEVER, THAT MBFR TALKS BEGINNING OCTOBER 30 SHOULD PRODUCE RESULTS BEFORE A FINAL CSCE MEETING.

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5. TURNING TO GERMAN MATTERS, AMBASSADOR SPACIL ASKED FOR THE ACTING SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON POSTPONEMENT OF BRANDT TRIP TO PRAGUE BECAUSE OF THE UNRESOLVED PROBLEM RELATING TO REPRESENTATION OF WEST BERLIN BY FRG. ACTING SECRETARY SAID WE DID NOT VIEW WEST BERLIN AS SEPARATE CITY-STATE; NEITHER DID WE RECOGNIZE IT AS A CONSTITUENT PART OF THE FRG ALTHOUGH IN MANY OTHER WAYS IT MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AS A PART, E.G. IN CULTURAL, ECONOMIC, MONETARY, AND EDUCA-

TIONAL AREAS. QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT PROVIDED THAT FRG SHOULD REPRESENT INTERESTS ABROAD OF "RESIDENTS" OF WEST BERLIN WITHOUT DEFINING WHAT THIS WOULD INCLUDE. THE ACTING SECRETARY NOTED THAT IN US TERM WOULD INCLUDE CORPORATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS. MOREOVER QUADRIpartite AGREEMENT SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED MAINTENANCE AND FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF TIES BETWEEN WEST BERLIN AND FRG.

6. ON WAY OUT, FOLLOWING CALL ON DEPUTY SECRETARY, SPACIL, CALCULATING THAT POSSIBLE TRIP OUT OF COUNTRY BY SECRETARY WOULD KEEP DEPUTY SECRETARY IN WASHINGTON, ASKED EE DIRECTOR WHAT PROSPECTS WOULD BE FOR FONMIN TO HAVE CONVERSATION AT APPROPRIATE LEVEL IN DEPARTMENT SHOULD HE VISIT WASHINGTON BRIEFLY DURING UNGA. HE CLEARLY WAS AIMING FOR CHNOUPEK VISIT WITH DEPUTY SECRETARY IN ACTING SECRETARY ROLE. SPACIL WAS TOLD THAT HIS INQUIRY IN THIS REGARD WOULD BE PURSUED BUT THAT CLEAR ANSWER WOULD HAVE TO AWAIT SECRETARY-DESIGNATE'S ASSUMPTION OF DUTIES. RUSH

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